

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Fred,

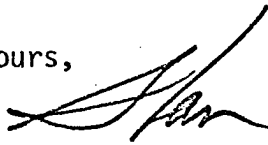
As 1978 draws to a close, I look back on our association together during the last six months of the year as truly a highlight of the year. The manner in which you have breathed imagination and new life into your organization has been inspiring to all around you. To me it has given a great sense of confidence that I can drop any sense of concern about what to do next in Congressional matters and just wait for your orders! I truly feel so very comfortable that you are out in front, not lagging the problem.

I am also grateful for the way in which you have fitted into the team. I know that the other vice presidents share my respect for the cooperative tone you have set. In 1979 we will be in more thick and thin together in some causes of great import to the Agency, the Community and the Country. I look forward to this eagerly because of my confidence in your support.

As you and ring in the New Year, please know that Pat and I are so grateful to be associated with you both.

Thanks.

Yours,



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